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March 26, 2007

The Honorable Joshua Bolten
Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Bolten:

According to the Federal Procurement Data System, the Executive Office of the President awarded a one-month, \$140,000 contract to MZM, Inc., in July 2002. This appears to have been the company's first prime contract with the federal government, and it came only two months after MZM was placed on the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Schedule. Published reports suggest that the contract was to provide computers and office furniture to the Office of the Vice President.

Subsequent investigations have uncovered serious irregularities, and in some cases criminal conduct, by MZM employees, members of Congress, and Bush Administration officials relating to MZM contracts with the federal government.¹ To date, however, there has been no examination of the circumstances surrounding MZM's initial federal contract and the role that White House officials played in the award and execution of the contract.

As part of the Committee's ongoing investigation into waste, fraud, and abuse in federal contracting, the Committee seeks information about the White House contract with MZM. Specifically, the Committee requests that you provide the following documents:

- (1) All contracts, subcontracts, and task orders between MZM, Inc., or any of its subsidiaries, subcontractors, or affiliates, and the Executive Office of the President, or any other agency supplying goods or services to or for the benefit of the Executive Office of the President;

¹ See, e.g., *Federal Grand Jury Indicts Foggo, Wilkes*, San Diego Union-Tribune (Feb. 13, 2007); *Capitol Crooks*, U.S. News & World Report (Sept. 25, 2006); *Representative Quits, Pleading Guilty in Graft*, New York Times (Nov. 29, 2005).

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- (2) Invoices, payments, confirmation of receipt of goods or services, and pre-award and post-award audits for all such contracts, subcontracts, and task orders;
- (3) Reviews, assessments, or other analyses of MZM's performance;
- (4) Communications between employees of the Executive Office of the President and Mitchell Wade, Brent Wilkes, and employees of MZM or any of its subsidiaries, subcontractors, or affiliates;
- (5) Communications between employees of the Executive Office of the President and employees of the General Services Administration relating to MZM, its employees, or its work;
- (6) Communications between employees of the Executive Office of the President and employees of the Department of the Interior relating to MZM, its employees, or its work;
- (7) Communications between employees of the Executive Office of the President and employees of the Department of Defense relating to MZM, its employees, or its work; and
- (8) Communications between employees of the Executive Office of the President and members or staff of Congress relating to MZM, its employees, or its work.

The Committee requests that you provide these documents as soon as possible, but in no case later than **Friday, April 6**. If you determine that you will be unable to make a complete production by this date, please contact Committee staff to discuss possible modifications to this schedule.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the House of Representatives and has broad oversight jurisdiction as set forth in House Rule X. An attachment to this letter provides additional information on how to respond to the Committee's request.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact David Rapallo or Margaret Daum with the Committee staff at (202) 225-5420.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member